

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** SB0490

**Title:** Allow state employees to serve as election judges while on state time

**Primary Sponsor:** Tropila, J

**Status:** As Introduced

Sponsor signature

Date

David Ewer, Budget Director

Date

## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY 2006 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2007 Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Fund	Unknown	Unknown
<b>Revenue:</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	Unknown	Unknown

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact    | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached  | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  |

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

#### Secretary of State

1. It is not possible to determine how many state employees will be affected by this bill.
2. There are 56 counties in Montana that conduct primary and general elections in even numbered years, and primary and general municipal elections in odd numbered years.
3. An estimated twenty state employees will serve as election judges and will utilize the benefits under this bill.
4. Each employee (election judge) will participate for a two-year time period in both an odd and even numbered year. Election Judges will receive one additional paid day off as an incentive to be an election judge.
5. General Election day in even numbered years is a state holiday and election judges will not receive additional pay for this day, leaving each employee to receive three additional paid days off.
6. The cost for each of the 20 state employees will average \$480 biennially, or a total cost of \$7,200. The cost for the employees participating in this program will come from a variety of state agencies, hence causing a minimal impact on any single agency's budget. (8 hrs x 3 elections= 24 hours x 20 employees x \$20 salary & benefits= \$7,200).
7. The impact will be absorbed by the individually affected agencies.

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8. Employees receiving state pay as an elections judge may not receive election judge pay from the county, causing a cost savings to local governments.

**EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:**

This bill will save local government's money because elections judges that receive state pay will not be allowed to receive the normal election judge pay from the county.